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FOR MONTH OF  
October 1951

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10. FACTS, EVALUATION AND COMMENT: (Use additional plain sheet if necessary)

*Approved 24 April 1950*

1. Purpose

The objective of QKSTAIR is to conduct psychological warfare operations against the Bulgarian regime, and to establish in the country resistance organizations capable of paramilitary activity of various types. Since its inception, QKSTAIR has dropped leaflets, and has infiltrated penetration agents into the country, and is now conducting a clandestine radio program.

2. Activities

A. Distribution of leaflets by air has now been suspended. Flights solely for the purpose of leaflet drops are at present considered inadvisable because of the risk to the slow flying C-47 aircraft, and because such flights alert the Bulgarian air defense, thereby possibly endangering more important future missions. A supply of leaflets is stocked in Athens which it is planned to drop during supply or personnel drop missions.

B. Controlled or Subsidized Organizations. IRO support for the refugee camps at Lavrion and Syros, Greece, from which OPC agent recruits are often drawn, will cease about 1 December 1951. While the camps will be continued by the Greek government, the changed arrangement may affect the ease of our access to possible recruits. A proposal whereby OPC would obtain an indirect financial interest in Lavrion and Syros, thereby retaining a privileged position vis-a-vis the administration of Bulgarian refugees, is now under study. An attempt is being made to enlarge the Bulgarian National Committee in order to quiet criticism that it is a one-man show, and to unify the discordant elements in the Bulgarian emigration. Relations with the Committee and its principal figure, Dr. G.M. Dimitrov, continue to be unsatisfactory.

C. Paramilitary Operations - The nucleus of the future Bulgarian Guard Company is presently assembling at Zeilsheim, Germany, and has reached a strength of 61 men. It is expected to be up to its contemplated strength of 250 agent candidates by 1 February. Its permanent station has been fixed at Hanau, near Frankfurt. All direct infiltration activity into Bulgaria has been suspended.

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D. Radio Gorianin - A report was received through an Italian diplomat that diplomatic circles in Sofia know that Radio Gorianin is located near Athens and is controlled by American Intelligence. This suggests that Gorianin may be the target of a future Bulgarian propaganda blast. Therefore, precautions are being taken to avoid either the pinpointing of the transmitters and/or the disclosure of contacts of OPC personnel with the transmitter installation. Recently Gorianin has been stressing the theme "we may go off the air at any time without warning, but we shall always be back", to cover that eventuality should it be necessary.

3. Evaluation and Comment

QKSTAIR remains in its formative and organizational phase.

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